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The Honorable Patrick Johnston
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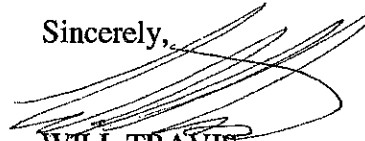
SUBJECT: SB 1673

Dear Senator Johnston:

Thank you for advising us that you have introduced SB 1673 which would extend the sunset date of the Delta Protection Commission for two years. The Delta Commission has played an important role in advancing the overall management of the San Francisco Bay and Delta Estuary. It would be tragic to end the partnership between the Delta Commission and local governments before their work is done.

I discussed SB 1673 at our Commission meeting last week, and the Commission members agreed we should support this bill so BCDC and the Delta Commission can continue to work in partnership to protect and responsibly develop the San Francisco Estuary.

Sincerely,



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cc: Senator Tom Hayden
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Dear Senator:

Ducks Unlimited would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your leadership in the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta and to offer our support for the continuation of the **Delta Protection Commission**. As you know, last year Ducks Unlimited, the Delta Protection Commission and the Suisun Resource Conservation District implemented a program for habitat restoration on private lands. This cooperative project, an essential component of DU's VALLEY CARE Program, successfully restored and enhanced over 7,471 acres of wetlands on 19 project sites.

Within the boundaries of the Delta, Ducks Unlimited's VALLEY CARE program provided \$40,000 for enhancement and restoration projects with private landowners. This money, used in conjunction with Partners for Wildlife (USFWS) and Wetlands Reserve Program (USDA) funds, resulting in six restoration projects. These completed projects will benefit migrating and wintering waterfowl and other wetland-associated species.

These successful cooperative projects are a significant step toward achieving the habitat goals of both the Central Valley Habitat Joint Venture Plan and the Resource Management Plan for the Delta. However, this effort has just begun. The Delta Protection Commission is vital to the successful implementation of these two interrelated plans. The additional two years provided for in your legislation is critical for the long-term protection of the Delta.

Thank you again for your commitment to our State's natural resources. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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